

# Tar Gula language

The **Gula language**, or *Tar Gula*, of the Central African Republic, commonly known as **Kara**, is a Central Sudanic language or dialect cluster. The term "Kara" is also attached to numerous ethnic groups of the region and their languages, and so is often ambiguous.

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## Names

*Ethnologue* lists *Gula du Mamoun*, *Kara* (of South Sudan) and *Yamegi* as synonyms, and *Molo*, *Mele*, *Mot-Mar (Moto-Mara)*, *Sar (Sara)*, *Mere*, and *Zura (Koto)* as dialects.

## Classification

Sources disagree as to whether Gula shares a Kara branch with other languages, with proposed Kara languages in one classification reassigned to other branches in other classifications. (See Kara languages.)

## Locations

As of 2013, ethnic Kara were reported to be residing in Menamba Boma, Ringi Payam, Raja County.<sup>[3]</sup>

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<b>Kara</b>	
<i>Tar Gula</i>	
<b>Native to</b>	Central African Republic and South Sudan
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Kara
<b>Native speakers</b>	13,000 (1996) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<p>Nilo-Saharan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Central Sudanic</li> <li>▪ Bongo-Bagirmi</li> <li>▪ Kara</li> <li>▪ Kara</li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	kcm
<b>Glottolog</b>	<p>gula1266 (<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/gula1266">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/gula1266</a>)<sup>[2]</sup></p>

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